



DIGEST OF CURRENT ECONOMIC STATISTICS, AUSTRALIA MARCH 1981

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The Digest contains the latest available figures at the time of issue for a selection of monthly and quarterly series. Where possible, series are shown both in their original and seasonally adjusted form.

Seasonal adjustment

2 Measures of variability and details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting Bureau statistics are given in Appendixes C and B, respectively, of *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators, Australia* (1308.0). This annual publication also contains historical original and seasonally adjusted data in tabular and graphical form of a selection of the statistics appearing in the Bureau's monthly and quarterly publications.

3 As well as being adjusted for normal seasonal factors, some of the statistical series included in the Digest have been adjusted for the effects of calendar variations, namely, 'trading-day' effects (arising from the varying numbers of Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, etc. in a month) and the influence of movable holidays, such as Easter and Australia Day.

4 Most of the original and seasonally adjusted series are preliminary and subject to revision.

Related publications

5 More detailed information is available in the *Monthly Summary of Statistics, Australia* (1304.0) (\$2.35). Publications from which the series in the Digest are derived are listed on page 8.

6 Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications, Australia* (1101.0) which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- nil or rounded to zero
- ... not applicable
- r figure or series revised since previous issue
- n.a. not available
- n.y.a. not yet available
- break in continuity of series (where drawn between two consecutive figures in the same column)

7 Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes		Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720W '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80-																
February	5,647	5,212	21,579	33.2	7,414	8,044	22,369	26,154	658	669	474	457	34.6	33.9	272	287
March	7,202	7,065		35.6	7,824	8,098	24,503	27,357	628	613	449	441	36.6	31.9	283	273
April	5,311	6,062		36.4	7,524	8,079	25,905	27,587	529	564	448	451	26.8	29.0	248	278
May	8,209	5,480	24,188	36.6	8,279	7,898	30,605	29,235	488	466	481	451	35.7	30.6	267	293
June	8,174	7,871		35.2	8,707	8,029	34,984	29,883	576	602	457	455	29.8	29.5	284	288
1980-81-																
July	6,637	6,491		31.7	9,486	8,185	37,060	29,478	736	744	475	441	35.5	32.1	330	298
August	5,004	5,464	25,707	32.5	8,973	8,048	34,502	28,767	685	698	473	466	29.6	29.1	321	297
September	8,612	7,707		32.1	8,231	8,048	31,793	29,371	614	602	428	412	33.0	28.7	351	293
October	10,127	8,360		30.9	7,927	8,540	27,939	30,718	629	601	465	443	35.1	29.0	393	327
November	8,818	8,136	24,060	33.1	8,206	8,153	29,275	28,705	629	601	465	443	35.1	29.0	393	327
December	6,649	8,077		31.0	7,999	8,585	25,248	29,197	653	626	429	451	28.4	32.0	316	304
January	6,343	8,794		22.5	7,834	8,610	27,897	35,036	728	671	312	451	12.8	39.0	117	185
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r7,521	r8,479	r27,424	r33,625	634	675	410	413	32.2	32.3	r291	r313
March	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	8,326	8,616	32,491	36,057	690	669	538	523	32.4	29.7	305	287

(a) Gross mine output

(b) Metallic contents of mine products

(c) Available for use through mains; includes natural gas

(d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS (a)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (exc. towelling) '000 sq. m.		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (exc. blanketing) '000 sq. m.		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq. m.	Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division(b)	Whole milk intake by factories (c) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of table wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (d)	
1979-80-													
February	3,476	3,252	908	784	11,691	178	182	283.1	416	437	37,424	72.0	25,326
March	1,207	3,385	900	825	11,691	168	156	285.4	336	428	37,910	69.6	
April	2,900	3,421	775	779	10,629	205	221	286.0	237	376	38,372	73.7	25,337
May	3,509	3,120	673	732	13,158	201	194	287.2	210	419	30,388	73.6	26,089
June	3,543	3,230	513	610	13,311	167	171	289.2	220	455	21,544	68.8	26,071
1980-81-													
July	4,599	4,133	839	757	14,278	208	209	292.6	299	454	41,010	74.9	(126,315)
August	3,769	3,154	683	703	13,026	197	195	296.5	449	468	72,055	82.4	(126,297)
September	3,715	3,264	771	734	13,057	214	205	299.3	585	446	102,447	79.0	27,639
October	4,338	3,520	1,032	848	13,724	233	175	300.4	684	430	103,574	80.7	27,543
November	3,509	3,325	997	874	12,047	187	175	302.0	661	437	79,198	79.0	27,929
December	2,966	3,559	775	780	9,719	182	195	304.2	609	420	158,234	76.4	28,032
January	1,447	3,160	957	862	11,463	171	174	309.1	379	415	134,284	81.3	
February	13,703	13,966	895	767	12,755	185	171	310.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	35,103	76.3	n.y.a.
March	3,837	4,049	895	767	12,755	185	171	310.8	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0 'Trade outside the Division or for use as capital equipment'.

(b) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment.

(c) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation.

(d) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (e) The National Council of Wool Selling Brokers has increased its membership from August 1980 resulting in an increase in the percentage of the total wool received by Brokers.

(f) Comparability differences due to sample revision—see September Quarter issue of 5629.0 for further details of this revision.

OVERSEAS TRANSACTIONS

Month	Value of total exports \$m	Value of total imports \$m	Value of merchandise at average 1974-75 prices(a) \$m		Export price index (b) All groups 1974-75 = 100	Balance on current account \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (c) \$m
			Exports	Imports				
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.				
1979-80—								
February	1,619	1,444	3,027	2,276	183	100	263	6,495
March	1,613	1,332			185	34	51	5,627
April	1,617	1,277			183	102	21	5,225
May	1,537	1,473	2,804	2,071	182	280	544	5,271
June	1,803	1,394			179	59	78	5,681
1980-81—								
July	1,681	1,592			180	263	201	5,933
August	1,489	1,463	2,563	2,267	182	396	183	5,533
September	1,403	1,617			184	517	329	5,718
October	1,671	1,325			185	574	1,027	6,094
November	1,599	1,325	2,550	2,269	185	147	270	5,981
December	1,588	1,536			183	193	79	5,430
January	1,670	1,406			186	251	544	5,586
February	1,578	1,613	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	186	442	395	5,172
March	1,474	1,595			185	723	766	5,153

(a) Replaces estimates at average 1966-67 prices. See publication 5421.0. (b) Introduced in July 1979. For further details see July 1979 issue of publication 6405.0. (c) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales(a)												Instalment credit for retail sales, finance companies and other businesses, balances outstanding(e) \$m
	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc (b) \$m		Food and drink(b) \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture(b) \$m		Other(b)(c) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(d) '000		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	
1979-80—													
February	2,268	2,440	3,595	3,663	2,142	2,476	1,226	1,312	36.3	38.1	9.7	10.2	3,039
March	2,370	2,514							37.0	37.0	10.0	10.1	3,032
April	2,399	2,495							36.3	35.7	9.3	9.6	3,020
May	2,666	2,527	3,668	3,743	2,541	2,516	1,255	1,342	37.7	35.2	10.8	10.0	3,018
June	2,399	2,572							36.5	36.9	11.1	10.0	3,011
1980-81—													
July	2,552	2,645							43.2	37.7	11.9	10.1	3,007
August	2,552	2,637	3,792	3,898	2,539	2,626	1,312	1,381	39.3	38.2	10.0	10.4	3,005
September	2,591	2,693							37.5	37.9	10.0	10.4	3,001
October	2,760	2,677							40.2	38.4	10.7	10.1	3,017
November	2,771	2,752	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	36.4	38.3	9.6	10.2	3,028
December	3,792	2,822							39.9	40.8	10.0	10.1	3,027
January	2,639	2,791							31.8	38.1	9.3	11.6	3,073
February	2,480	2,808	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	35.8	38.9	10.8	11.7	3,085
March	2,685	2,852							39.0	38.1	12.5	12.4	n.y.a.

(a) Based on the 1973-74 census of retail establishments. (b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory. (c) Other, excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (d) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses. (e) During the period, amounts financed to new agreements made were: December \$157m, January \$136m, February \$147m.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings per employed male unit \$		Weekly wage rates index, adult males (b) 1954 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee (c)	Consumer price index, 1966-67 = 100.0 unless otherwise noted (a)								
	Original	Seas. adj.			All groups	Food (d)	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care (e)	Recreation (f)
1979-80—													
February	245.70	250.90	626.0	1.4	290.3	288.2	295.2	316.8	247.0	296.5	302.8	340.6	333.8
March			627.4	1.4		291.4							
April			628.3	1.4		293.4							
May	258.20	258.90	629.2	1.4	298.4	296.2	303.7	324.5	253.4	310.3	307.9	348.8	336.2
June			629.3	1.3		298.9							
1980-81—													
July			656.7	1.4		300.3							
August	268.90	268.70	657.2	1.4	304.0	302.5	307.2	333.1	262.2	311.3	314.3	354.7	338.5
September			659.2	1.4		304.4							
October			661.0	1.4		307.4							
November	289.10	277.70	661.2	1.5	310.3	310.5	314.1	341.7	267.8	317.1	317.2	358.9	340.6
December			661.3	1.6		314.4							
January			664.9	1.2		317.8							
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	664.9	1.4	317.7	316.2	317.5	348.9	275.3	328.7	324.0	364.7	344.5
March			n.y.a.	1.5		316.8							

(a) The composition of the group structure of the Index has been altered with the introduction, from December quarter 1976, of the ninth Consumer Price Index series. (b) Weighted average. Excludes rural. (c) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6330.0. (d) Quarterly series may be derived by averaging the three monthly figures. However, in some cases quarterly index numbers derived differ slightly from the quarterly figure as published in *Consumer Price Index* publications due to rounding. (e) Base December quarter 1968 = 100.0. (f) Base September quarter 1976 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total (a) \$m		Dwellings commenced (a) '000 units		Price indexes		New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m)			
	Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj		Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj	Materials used in building (b) house building(b)	Materials used in building (c) other than house building(c)	New buildings and structures		(Other new capital equipment)	
												Original	Seas adj	Original	Seas adj
1979-80—															
February	656.8	712.3	11.3	12.4	146.4	2,215.4	2,286.2	34.3	34.7	108.9	102.8	536.8	655.7	1,551.5	1,776.1
March	701.0	702.8	13.3	12.7	89.4					314.4	103.9				
April	659.0	677.8	12.7	12.8	73.9					317.2	104.4				
May	730.4	664.0	13.3	12.4	119.9	2,129.1	2,039.7	34.1	32.9	120.0	104.8	697.1	674.0	2,001.1	1,807.1
June	771.1	692.5	13.1	12.2	103.3					125.2	106.6				
1980-81—															
July	760.9	711.1	13.2	12.1	72.6					329.9	108.1				
August	762.4	810.6	12.8	13.6	101.9	2,470.0	n y a	34.4	37.0	334.4	109.7	755.0	756.6	2,125.9	2,201.7
September	767.3	717.0	13.0	12.4	123.0					347.2	110.5				
October	821.7	766.0	14.1	13.2	73.6					338.5	111.0				
November	770.8	767.7	13.1	12.9	107.2	n y a	n y a	34.5	36.7	339.6	111.4	724.4	704.1	2,377.1	2,254.9
December	763.7	797.4	12.5	12.7	112.3					340.6	111.8				
January	625.2	796.5	10.4	14.1	95.8					343.0	112.9				
February	714.1	806.6	11.6	13.0	94.9	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a	348.1	114.2	n y a	n y a	n y a	n y a
March	875.6	836.1	14.3	13.0	101.7					351.2	115.2				

(a) The ABS has recently implemented a new system for collecting, compiling and publishing building activity statistics. For further details of the change to Building commenced data, see September Quarter 1980 Advance Release issue of 8705.0, released on 1 May 1981. For further details of the change to Dwellings commenced data, see statement issued under Catalogue number 8703.0 entitled *Changes to Published Building Activity Statistics*, which was released on 12 December 1980. (b) Weighted average six State capital cities 1966-67 = 100.0. (c) The previous index, calculated on reference base 1966-67 = 100.0, has been replaced by a revised index calculated on reference base 1979-80 = 100.0. For further details of this revision, see February 1981 issue of 6407.0.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (c)		Major trading banks (b)				Finance companies balances outstanding (d) \$m	Housing finance for owner occupation value of loans approved (a)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (f) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m	
			Deposits		Advances			Permanent						
			\$m		\$m			building						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Banks	societies	Other lenders (e)				
							\$m	\$m	\$m				Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—														
February	20,964	20,843	23,252	22,303	16,574	16,962	18,527	328	226	105	10.75	529.3	2,721	2,651
March	20,849	20,985	23,399	22,408	16,836	17,136	18,682	330	240	106	11.20		2,719	2,832
April	20,845	21,175	23,087	22,326	17,280	17,271	18,802	345	214	98	11.40		3,967	2,737
May	20,846	21,130	22,436	22,950	17,613	17,516	19,000	334	243	111	11.54	664.5	3,711	2,667
June	21,261	21,270	22,680	23,519	17,514	17,620	19,259	295	209	104	11.50		2,800	2,711
1980-81—														
July	21,351	21,344	23,010	23,966	17,864	17,833	19,604	332	252	168	11.34		2,271	2,841
August	21,592	21,518	23,278	24,205	17,901	17,938	19,889	305	232	109	11.50	608.2	2,850	2,865
September	21,771	21,663	23,630	24,264	17,811	17,775	20,175	302	262	106	11.50		2,154	2,941
October	22,098	21,888	24,288	24,411	18,273	17,915	20,483	358	263	130	11.58		2,479	3,005
November	22,210	22,180	24,555	24,617	18,356	18,083	20,951	317	248	126	12.42	1,040	3,065	3,020
December	22,699	22,621	25,127	24,570	18,638	18,434	21,299	327	229	122	12.85		2,513	3,189
January	22,705	22,623	25,292	24,611	18,606	18,753	21,497	320	197	98	13.10		2,841	3,216
February	22,959	22,837	25,564	24,520	18,595	19,022	21,812	359	181	119	13.12	n.y.a.	3,056	3,056
March	22,833	22,960	26,156	25,043	18,811	19,143	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.10		n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes external territories. (d) Amounts shown relate to all types of finance agreements and provide a broad overall measure of finance company activity. For further details see the monthly publication 5614 0. (e) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (f) This series was previously based on rebate bonds which were issued prior to 1 November 1968. Income on these bonds was subject to income tax at current rates less a rebate of 10 cents in each dollar of Australian Government loan interest included in taxable income. The series is now based on non-rebate bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS (\$m)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1979-80—														
September	26,874	27,234	1,443	1,848	25,431	25,386	16,370	16,561	4,360	4,429	3,756	3,799	1,972	2,163
December	30,900	28,031	3,374	1,929	27,526	26,102	17,865	16,939	4,705	4,534	4,113	3,907	2,333	2,260
March	27,860	29,004	1,668	1,820	26,192	27,184	16,975	17,662	4,502	4,767	3,735	4,130	2,076	2,368
June	28,403	29,861	1,002	1,861	27,401	28,000	17,925	18,015	5,082	4,914	4,567	4,335	2,699	2,287
1980-81—														
September	30,924	31,062	1,647	1,870	29,277	29,192	18,484	18,649	5,017	5,097	4,815	4,879	2,213	2,422
December	35,558	32,162	3,188	1,813	32,370	30,349	20,435	19,333	5,753	5,551	5,393	5,103	2,584	2,503
AT AVERAGE 1974-75 PRICES														
1979-80—														
September	16,938	17,233	725	1,112	16,213	16,121	10,040	10,160	2,828	2,881	2,305	2,327	1,230	1,348
December	19,610	17,430	2,374	1,140	17,236	16,290	10,773	10,201	3,004	2,902	2,468	2,344	1,418	1,373
March	16,652	17,416	1,024	1,132	15,628	16,284	9,932	10,344	2,791	2,959	2,166	2,395	1,206	1,372
June	16,451	17,578	411	1,121	16,040	16,457	10,275	10,323	3,100	2,980	2,578	2,451	1,533	1,303
1980-81—														
September	17,647	17,828	752	1,043	16,895	16,785	10,362	10,455	2,948	3,005	2,640	2,671	1,217	1,331
December	20,165	17,964	1,947	968	18,218	16,996	11,259	10,639	3,246	3,137	2,893	2,737	1,396	1,353
AT CURRENT PRICES—continued														
Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Wages, salaries and supplements		Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
					Companies		Other							
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1979-80—														
September	4,571	4,534	4,739	4,852	3,013	3,004	5,850	6,057	14,784	14,820	816	6,911	3,162	19,349
December	4,979	5,001	5,627	5,462	3,727	3,183	8,242	6,333	15,640	15,128	2,658	8,011	3,487	22,822
March	5,347	5,296	5,542	5,642	2,821	3,258	5,862	6,295	15,333	15,703	1,014	6,878	4,289	18,936
June	5,187	5,274	5,495	5,436	3,464	3,623	5,272	6,531	16,009	16,183	351	8,482	6,262	18,580
1980-81—														
September	5,881	5,847	5,331	5,469	3,627	3,611	6,614	6,620	16,962	16,975	986	7,680	3,519	22,109
December	5,892	5,894	5,693	5,509	4,655	4,032	8,547	6,659	18,359	17,363	2,408	9,117	4,035	25,849

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer credit interest and transfers to overseas.

CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) ('000)													JOB VACANCIES ('000)	
Month	UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) ('000)						Survey estimates (d)							
	Males		Females		Persons			Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work		Total		
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)		Males	Females	Males	Females	Persons		
1979-80—														
February	4,190.6	4,155.8	2,428.0	2,416.8	6,718.6	6,572.5	215.2	160.5	68.8	230.4	214.1	444.5	36.9	
March	4,182.6	n.a.	2,473.0	n.a.	6,655.6	n.a.	196.3	142.8	73.3	211.5	200.9	412.4		
April	4,156.6	n.a.	2,440.0	n.a.	6,596.5	n.a.	192.9	146.3	65.3	206.9	197.5	404.5		
May	4,201.1	4,193.6	2,450.3	2,443.5	6,651.4	6,637.5	201.0	141.6	71.0	219.9	193.7	413.6	29.8	
June	4,179.2	n.a.	2,459.6	n.a.	6,638.8	n.a.	193.1	144.7	68.3	208.9	197.1	406.1		
1980-81—														
July	4,189.5	n.a.	2,475.9	n.a.	6,665.4	n.a.	190.0	134.8	60.6	205.3	180.0	385.4		
August	4,180.0	4,200.3	2,459.0	2,468.1	6,639.0	6,668.0	193.3	139.4	59.7	209.1	183.2	392.3	30.1	
September	4,221.1	n.a.	2,509.7	n.a.	6,730.8	n.a.	197.9	137.6	70.0	211.1	194.4	405.5		
October	4,195.6	n.a.	2,466.1	n.a.	6,661.7	n.a.	180.1	127.0	68.6	194.8	180.9	375.7		
November	4,189.6	4,211.4	2,476.0	2,478.4	6,665.5	6,693.5	171.4	131.1	54.3	182.8	174.1	357.0	34.3	
December	4,306.7	n.a.	2,514.9	n.a.	6,821.5	n.a.	206.1	151.2	74.6	226.2	205.8	432.0		
January	4,251.6	n.a.	2,397.8	n.a.	6,649.4	n.a.	218.2	158.7	53.4	233.9	196.5	430.4		
February	4,271.4	4,236.8	2,473.4	2,461.9	6,744.8	6,676.6	203.6	154.7	65.8	220.0	204.1	424.1	33.0	
March	4,278.9	n.a.	2,521.0	n.a.	6,799.9	n.a.	185.8	144.9	79.2	203.2	206.6	409.9		

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates. Suspension of seasonally adjusted unemployment estimates is explained in the November 1977 issue of 6201.0. (c) Seasonally adjusted estimates available only for February, May, August and November. (d) Results of sample surveys of government employers and private payroll taxpayers conducted by the ABS as at the third Friday of the month shown. For further notes relating to these estimates see 6231.0.

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